

June 5, 2017

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, June 5, 2017. Chairman 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 May 30, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Hauptert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent presented for signatures:

1. Three sales disclosure forms for the remaining right-of-way parcels needed for the Bridge 118 project (75 E over Burr Creek).
 - a. Parcel 1 Todd Baer for \$500.
 - b. Parcel 2 Henry & Betty Whitmer for \$500.
 - c. Parcel 3 Forrest & Sheila Ross for \$2,100.
2. A temporary right-of-way for parcel 4A Statzer Estate for \$100.
3. Acceptance document for Bridge 118 for the reconstruction that was awarded to Primco, Inc. last week.

The commissioners signed all documents.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 82 inmates with 49 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail, 5 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail and 6 inmates at the Wells County Jail. Last week there were 10 transports to the DOC and 22 new book-ins. The peak population was 91.

Land stated the jail stove/range is not up to jail inspection standards and needs to be replaced. Land presented a quote from C & T Design and Equipment Company for \$15,200.30 for a six burner range and a double convection oven. That total includes installation and removal of the current appliances. Eppley made a motion to approve the purchase from cum cap jail complex. Hauptert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Steve Downs, County Attorney was present with nothing to report.

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

Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor presented the accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 6/5/2017. The commissioners approved all claims.

Givens asked for a motion to appoint Dan Dale to the Wabash County Zoning Board. Dale will replace Don Roser who retired from the board. Hauptert made a motion to appoint Dan Dale to the Wabash County Zoning Board. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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Bob Ferguson, Roann Clerk-Treasurer stated he misspoke previously when he said the grant writer would receive 20% of the total grant. The correct amount is 8%. (This was previously corrected in the minutes on May 15, 2017.)

Ferguson requested input on the engineering firm the commissioners would like to retain for demolition of the old Roann school. Kathleen Weissenberger (grant writer) recommended three companies she has worked with in the past, one being SME. Eppley stated since SME completed the original study, they should be utilized.

Ferguson stated the grant application would need to include the amount of the match either 10%, 15% or 20%. The town of Roann and the county would contribute equal amounts toward the match. Each entity's share would be: at 10% (\$19,444), at 15% (\$30,882) and at 20% (\$43,750). The match cannot be raised through the process but can be lowered. Ferguson recommended entering 15% and then lower it if needed. Hauptert made a motion for the county to contribute 15% (\$30,882) toward the grant match out of the CEDIT fund. Eppley seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ferguson stated the first public hearing will be held on July 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Roann Town Hall and invited the commissioners to attend.

Nancy Hoffman, President/CEO, Arc of Wabash County gave a brief historic overview of her organization. Hoffman stated she is retiring at the end of June and that Linda Johnson will take over as President/CEO. Hoffman requested that the funds which the county contributes to Arc be increased by 5% for 2018. They are requesting \$68,250 for their 2018 budget. The commissioners thanked Hoffman for her 41 years of service.

The commissioners reviewed the following items;

Demolition Notices – 985 Pike Street, Wabash; 107 Walnut Street, Wabash; 38 Ross Avenue, Wabash and 1326 Adams Street, Wabash.

Landfill Erosion and Sedimentation Review from Wabash County Soil and Water District.

City of Wabash Zoning Board – Special Exception for Sinclair Street.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, June 12, 2017.

Also present: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, News Journal reporter David Fenker and Arc of Wabash County program director Linda Johnson.